

Public Safety & Judiciary Committee

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Conference Room A260

MINUTES

Chairman Grabarski called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was properly announced.

Committee members present: Pete Hickethier, Jack Allen, and Robert Grabarski - Rocky Gilner and Scott Colburn were excused. Barb Morgan arrived at 9:08 a.m. to fill in for Scott Colburn.

Others present: Carol Collins, Tania Bonnett, Jane Gervais, Marilyn Rogers, Sam Wollin, Terry Fahrenkrug, and Barb Petkovsek

Motion by Allen to approve the agenda, seconded by Hickethier. Chairman Grabarski requested they deviate from the agenda to move Emergency Management (Item #14) ahead of District Attorney (Item #8) since Gervais had another meeting she needed to attend. Committee was in agreement. **Motion carried by unanimous vote. Gilner – Excused.**

Motion by Hickethier to approve the May 10, 2017 minutes, seconded by Allen. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Gilner – Excused.

There was no public participation. There was no correspondence.

Emergency Management – Jane Gervais – Present

Committee was provided with the financial report for May to review. There was nothing unusual to report on the financial report. Gervais explained she is still working with FEMA on the paperwork regarding the flooding from last September. Gervais stated there were errors on the paperwork from the Town of Preston that needed to be corrected. Gervais informed the committee that she completed the regular maintenance checks on the towers in May. Gervais stated she received multiple calls from individuals in Big Flats in regards to flooding because of there being too much ground water. Gervais updated the committee on the full scale hazmat exercise that is scheduled in September.

District Attorney – Tania Bonnett– Present

There was no financial report for May to review as Bonnett stated she didn't have the financial report at the time of the meeting. Bonnett informed the committee that there was a need to purchase a computer for the part-time ADA position in her office. Bonnett updated the committee on the future attorney/office manager vacancy due to Jonathan Barnett's resignation. Bonnett stated she has been talking with the current part-time ADA and she may be interested in the attorney/office manager position. Bonnett updated the committee on the guilty verdict that was received on her sexual assault trial in Juneau County.

Eyes of Hope Shelter—Kris Steffens — Not Present

Steffens was unable to attend the meeting. There was no written report for May to review.

Family Court Commissioner – Dennis McFarlin – Not Present

The Family Court Commissioner was not scheduled to attend the meeting. Committee was provided with a written report for May to review.

Child Support – Janet Leja – Not Present

Child Support was not scheduled to attend the meeting. Committee was provided with a written and financial report for May to review.

Clerk of Circuit Court – Kathie Dye – Not Present

Clerk of Circuit Court was not scheduled to attend the meeting. Committee was provided with a written and financial report for May to review.

Register in Probate – Chris Langer – Not Present

Register in Probate was not scheduled to attend the meeting. Committee was provided with a written and financial report for May to review.

Medical Examiner – Marilyn Rogers – Present

Committee was provided with a written and financial report for May to review. Rogers stated May was a busy month. There were 17 death investigations. Rogers stated there was a death at FCI and at an Indian reservation which was new for the office. Discussion was held regarding waiving fees for body donation cases. Rogers explained that fees are charged for signing death certificates and cremation permits. Committee asked what the amount of the fees would be that are waived and Rogers informed them that it would be \$200.00 with the maximum being \$400.00 for those cases. **Motion by Allen to approve waiving the fees for body donation cases, seconded by Hickethier. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Gilner – Excused.**

Sheriff's Office – Sam Wollin and Chief Deputy Fahrenkrug – Present

Committee was provided with the financial report for May to review. Committee was updated on the current staffing levels and vacancies. Wollin informed the committee that the Citizens Academy recently wrapped up and stated that went well. Discussion was held regarding the contract with Wood County for the use of their lab. Wollin explained there would be a cost savings in the long run if software is purchased to download cell phone data in Adams County. Currently there are personnel in the Sheriff's Office trained to do it. The contract with Wood County would continue for use of the lab for other services, but at a significant reduction in the annual cost. Wollin updated the committee on the drug treatment court and invited the committee to attend a meeting in Wautoma in June to view the treatment court there.

Motion by Allen to approve vouchers and monthly expense reports as presented, seconded by Hickethier. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Gilner – Excused.

Identify upcoming agenda items: None at this time.

Set next monthly meeting date as July 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Allen to adjourn, seconded by Morgan. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Gilner – Excused.
Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

These minutes have been approved by Public Safety & Judiciary Committee on July 12, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol Collins
Recording Secretary